

**Proctor's Theatre.**  
Elaborate preparations are being made to follow the regular combination season at Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre with an important series of productions of current comic operas. During the past season the theatre has been unusually successful playing the more important road productions, but these seasons usually terminate at the end of May, and rather than put in inferior attractions Mr. Proctor has secured the services of a competent comic opera company, which includes a number of well known artists. The repertoire will be drawn entirely from the modern school of opera, instead of, from the hackneyed and time-worn contributions of fifty years ago, the first production being Alice Nelson's greatest success, "The Fortune Teller," followed by "The Serenade," and other royalty operas. A large and carefully selected chorus will be included in the cast, and these operatic presentations will be in every way identical with the original productions and will provide the patrons of this house with the best possible entertainment at the merely nominal cost of twenty-five and fifty cents. The opening week matinees will be given Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and thereafter on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and although each opera will run but a week, wherever practicable the original production will be secured.

**Empire Theatre.**  
"Herrmann the Great," the most wonderful of all modern necromancers, will appear at the Empire Theatre, Newark, for the week beginning Monday, May 9. Herrmann is truly a remarkable man. Without preparation he accomplishes the most astonishing feats of sleight of hand and prestidigitization. By a tour through India, Herrmann has been enabled to obtain many of the surprising feats of the famous Hindoo and other Eastern fakirs, and his spectators may imagine themselves at Calcutta or Bombay, as they witness the wonderful transformations which have heretofore only been known by reading, or by the description of some lecturer.

The programme which Mr. Herrmann presents in Newark the present season is replete with new, novel and startling magic phenomena, and some wonderful experiments in the art of levitation. Herrmann has with him this season the Lakys, the celebrated musical duetists, Matinee Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

**Last Week of "The Two Orphans."**  
The revival of the famous old play, "The Two Orphans," will receive its last presentation at the New Amsterdam Theatre Saturday evening of next week, the 14th inst. Seats are now on sale for all remaining performances and may be ordered by mail, accompanied by remittance. This revival has proved the greatest artistic and financial success of the current season in New York.

**Cranberry Lake Opens May 30th.**  
Secret societies, pleasure clubs and organizations of all kinds contemplating outings for the summer should investigate Cranberry Lake before contracting for excursions elsewhere. For particulars ask any Lackawanna Agent, or address T. W. Lee, General Passenger Agent, New York City, or Guy Adams, Division Passenger Agent, Newark, N. J.

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**St. Louis Rates.**  
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The Lackawanna was the popular route to the Pan-American Exposition, and with our through trains and excellent service will be to St. Louis this year. Season tickets (return limit Dec. 15) 34.00 Sixty-day tickets 28.35 Fifteen-day tickets 23.25 Season and sixty-day tickets good via Coach excursion, May 11 (return limit 10 days) 18.00 For tickets and full particulars call on or address any Lackawanna Agent, or Guy Adams, D. P. A., 749 Broad Street, Newark.—Advt.

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**Vailsburgh Not Yet Annexed.**  
The people of Vailsburgh are in a dilemma. By a majority vote on April 12 it was decided that the borough be annexed to Newark. The scheme of the promoters of Greater Newark was to flank East Orange on two sides of that city by the Newark city limits and crowd it into the Greater Newark. The plan failed in so far as this town was concerned, and now there is no animated desire shown on the part of the Newark City Council to take in Vailsburgh, and it looks as if such action will not be taken, if at all, until January, 1905.

The matter was discussed by the Finance Committee of the City Council Wednesday night, and Alderman Wood, chairman of that committee, said:

"We are not ready as yet to determine the question finally, in my judgement; because, while we have been fully informed as to the condition of the finances of the borough, we have not had an opportunity of sending our expert to verify the representations we have received. It will not transpire until the first of next January that we will take Vailsburgh in, but in the mean time it is important, I believe, that we should take some action that will practically place us on record as favoring annexation. The reason of this is apparent; the water contract held by Vailsburgh with Summit has expired, and unless we declare ourselves in a way that may not be misunderstood, the borough authorities might enter into a long term contract in renewal of the one that has just expired."

**Lawlessness in Silver Lake.**  
In an effort to prevent Sabbath desecration in the Silver Lake section of Belleville, Justice of the Peace A. P. Campbell, of that place, resorted to the old "blue" laws and fined four men for working Sunday.

Samuel Grimshaw, a truckman, who was charged with carting coal last Sunday, was fined \$5 and the costs of court. Michael Sabbaso who was found plastering his house, was fined \$2 and costs. M. Stazz, of Newark, was fined \$3 and costs for selling and delivering barrels of flour, and an Italian whose name could not be learned was fined \$2 and costs for carting fertilizer.

There is more business being done on Sunday, the magistrate claims, than on any day in the week. It is no unusual sight, he says, to see the Italian residents in that section building their houses on that day. He thinks that by taking these stringent measures on a few it will have a wholesome effect on others and go a long way toward the proper observance of the Lord's day.

Alleged lawlessness in the Silver Lake section of Belleville, which has become an Italian colony, was discussed at Monday night's meeting of the Belleville Township Committee. Justice of the Peace A. P. Campbell described the state of affairs on Sundays and complained of the lack of police protection. Action on the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Committeeman Ashworth was chosen chairman in the absence of Chairman Breen, whose brother was buried Tuesday morning. Justice Campbell told of the numerous complaints about young men, whose ages range from 14 to 18 years, stopping people in Belmont avenue and demanding money. He told also of the desecration of the Sabbath by many of the Italians in doing building work, carting, selling and delivering goods etc.

He said that at an Italian celebration on Sunday a short time ago it was impossible to walk along the streets on account of the carousing and drunken men. He said that a Newark clergyman had complained to him that he was obliged to walk out into the street on account of the carousing.

**New Brunswick Illustrated.**  
"Saint John, New Brunswick," is the title of a booklet received from the Tourist Association of St. John, New Brunswick. Much valuable information for the tourist is contained in this booklet, as well as good maps and beautiful illustrations. Copies will be mailed free to any address on application to Mrs. E. E. Olive, Secretary New Brunswick Tourist Association, St. John, N. B.

## A JEWISH LEGEND

The Ancient Song "Had Gadya" and Its Allegorical Explanation.

In the sixth volume of the Jewish Encyclopedia is found an interesting account of the ancient Aramaic song, "Had Gadya," or "One Kid," from which it is believed the familiar "House That Jack Built" is descended. But the "Had Gadya" is now said to be known to have been borrowed from or fashioned after a popular German ballad, and the German ballad moreover is said to have its prototype in an old French song. Thus the history of the song itself seems to be a sort of "House That Jack Built" affair. The English translation of the old Aramaic doggerel runs as follows: "One only kid, one only kid, which my father bought for 2 zuzim. One only kid, one only kid. The cat came and ate the kid, etc. Then came the dog and bit the cat, etc. Then came the fire that burned the dog, etc. Then came the water and quenched the fire, etc. Then came the ox and drank the water, etc. Then came the slaughterer and killed the ox, etc. Then came the angel of death and slew the slaughterer, etc. Then came the Most Holy—blessed be he—and destroyed the angel of death that slew the slaughterer that killed the ox that drank the water that quenched the fire that burned the dog that ate the kid which my father bought for 2 zuzim. One only kid, one only kid."

The legend is supposed to illustrate how the people of Israel were for centuries oppressed and persecuted by all the nations of antiquity, and how the oppressors all perished one by one, and how Israel, the oppressed, survived. The allegorical explanation of the story is this:

"The kid symbolizes the Hebrew nation, Yhwh being the father, who bought or redeemed his people through Moses and Aaron (the two pieces of money) from Egypt. The cat is Assyria, the conqueror of Israel. The dog is Babylon, the next to oppress the Jews. The stick stands for Persia, the fire for Macedonia, the water for Rome, the ox for the Saracens, who conquered Palestine; the slaughterer for the crusaders, the angel of death for the Turk, now ruling over Palestine, and finally the Most Holy for the principle of eternal justice to vindicate Israel, the one only kid of the allegory."

## An English Country Wedding.

Dean Kitchen, writing of the country people of Cumberland, England, says: "When a marriage came, the whole district was roused to the utmost excitement, the men in their bravest homespun, the women in bright blue, the bride's color, or white or red. No green was possible. Was it not the color of the forsaken one, the willow green of disgrace? After the marriage ceremony was over, after which the country priest gave them some homely good advice, they went into the churchyard, where there were laughter and some kissing and play, till the young fellows had pulled off their shoes and stockings, showing the varied colored ribbons which crossed over their legs. Then at a signal they started for a race from the church to the bride's new home. The winner had the right to return, hot and breathless, to meet the bride and her party, who had meanwhile been leisurely walking to the house. And he returned to claim a kiss and a piece of ribbon as his prize. After that came merry feasting and often some dancing."

## How Satin Was Discovered.

The discovery of the principle of the manufacture of satin was a pure accident. The word "satin," which originally was applied to all silk stuffs, has since the last century been used to designate simply those tissues which present only a lustrous surface. The discovery was made by a silk weaver named Octavio Mat. During a dull period of business one day he was pacing before his loom, not knowing how to give a new impulse to his trade.

As he passed the machine each time he pulled short threads from the warp and, following an old habit, put them into his mouth and rolled them about, soon after spitting them upon the floor. Later he discovered a little ball of silk upon the floor of his shop and was astonished at the brilliancy of the threads. He repeated the experiment and eventually employed various ingenious preparations and succeeded in giving satin to the world.

## Energy Wasted After Business Hours

A great many people dissipate more energy between the time when they leave their work at night and when they return to it in the morning than they expend all day in their vocations, though they would be shocked and offended if any one were to tell them so. They think that physical dissipation is the only method of energy saving. But men and women of exemplary moral habits dissipate their vitality in a hundred ways. They indulge in wrong thinking; they worry; they fret; they fear this, and that the other imaginary thing, and they carry their business home with them, and work as hard mentally after business hours as during them.—Orison Swett Marden in Success.

## The Portuguese Rebendas.

A dish as much eaten by the Portuguese as mince pie by Americans is the rebendas. It is of Moorish origin and is easily and quickly prepared—as befitting the habits of a nomadic race. Thick slices of bread are soaked in new milk, fried in olive oil and then spread with honey and eaten hot. The result is something delicious, and the rebendas.

## The Exemptions.

Wm. C. Lawrence, president, and Lewis Parker, counsel, of the Standard Fire Insurance Company, held a conference on Monday with J. P. Dillard, President of the Board of City Assessors of Trenton, on the method of assessing the insurance companies this year. At the last meeting of the directors of the company the matter of the assessment was looked up, and the president and counsel, with Judge Robert S. Woodruff as associate counsel, were directed to consult with President Dillard in the matter.

The new State law contains a new provision with respect to the assessment of fire insurance companies. Under the old law such companies were taxed the same as private individuals on the property owned, with the same deductions made for money invested in non-taxable securities as were made in the cases of private taxpayers.

The new law contains this provision: "Every fire insurance company shall be assessed in the taxable district where it is situated, upon the full amount of its capital stock paid in and its accumulated surplus; the real estate belonging to every such corporation, however, shall be taxed in the taxing district where it is situated, and the amount of such assessment on real estate shall be deducted from the amount of any assessment made upon the capital stock and accumulated surplus as herein provided for."

The State Board of Taxation in its rules and explanations promulgated in its annual report, which contains the new tax law, has read into that law the construction that these companies are also entitled to have deducted from their capital and accumulated surplus the amount of money invested in government bonds and other property exempted from taxation.

Mr. Parker, as counsel for the insurance company, takes the position that as a matter of logical conclusion, based on the position of the State Board, his company is entitled to have deducted in addition the amount of money invested by it in the stocks of corporations whose property is taxed and whose stock as a consequence is exempt from taxation.

Mr. Dillard, for himself and the other members of the board, said this proposition of the insurance company was purely a legal one involving a construction of the new law, and hence he would decline to express any opinion as to what position would be assumed by the board in the matter.

The question will undoubtedly be submitted to City Solicitor Bird of Trenton for his legal opinion as to whether the contention of Mr. Parker is correct in its deductions.

The matter is of the utmost importance to Trenton, because if the view of the insurance company is correct, it will also apply to the Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit Company, inasmuch as the new law applies to trust companies as well as to insurance companies.

Furthermore, it is of importance, too, because if these concessions are granted to the trust company the national banks would undoubtedly demand similar treatment on the strength of the Federal law, which provides that national banks shall not be taxed at a higher rate than other moneyed capital.

The Mechanics' National Bank of Trenton endeavored a few years ago to obtain a deduction in the matter of assessments on bank stock because the money was invested in non-taxable securities, but the local board of assessors was sustained by both the State Supreme Court and the Court of Errors in its opinion that the assessors had a right to assess bank stock on its value, regardless of how the bank's means had been invested.

In that case the courts did not pass on the question of the discrimination between national banks and trust companies, for the reason that there was no evidence in the litigation to show any such discrimination by the local assessors.

## May Reopen Clawson Case.

More trouble is in sight in the case of contract of the Manhattan Vending Company of New York against the Clawson Machine Company of Newark. Attorney-General Robert H. McCarter, who, with Charles H. Halfpenny, was retained by the defendant company, applied Tuesday to Judge Adams of the Circuit Court for a rule to show cause why there should not be another trial. The Court set down the motion to be argued today. In the first trial a verdict of \$2,112.50 was awarded the Vending Company after the jury had been out nineteen hours. Thomas L. Goskill and George H. Pierce represented the plaintiff company.

## Mr. Capen's Design Accepted.

Plans prepared by John F. Capen for a new Sunday-school building for Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange, have been accepted by the Board of Trustees of that church. Seven architects entered the competition.

The proposed addition will be erected west of the present Sunday-school, recently purchased from the old Van Ordon estate. The new building will accommodate all the departments of the school, but for some time to come only the primary, intermediate and kindergarten grades will be located in it, the main school remaining in the present building. The Sunday-school of the Bethel Church is the largest in East Orange, having a total enrolment of 450.

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## PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, at the office of the Town Clerk, at 449 Bloomfield Avenue, at 8 P. M., for the furnishing of all labor and materials and doing all the work necessary to construct, in certain of any houses sewer as lies between the main sewer and the street line. The pipe used must be either four or six inch diameter, self-glazed stoneware pipe. The price bid must be a lump sum, and nothing extra will be paid for extra digging or pipe which may be ordered by the Sewer Engineer.

Where concrete is ordered by the Sewer Engineer \$2.50 per cubic yard will be paid. Two dollars per cubic yard will be paid for rock excavation. Builders measuring less than one-half of a cubic yard will not be measured as rock. The laying of the sewer and materials furnished must conform in all respects to the Sewer Ordinance for the Town of Bloomfield. Ten per cent. of amount of bills for work of construction will be retained for three months to insure proper repairs to trenches.

The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Each proposal must be sealed and endorsed "Sewer Proposals for House Connections," and addressed to Wm. L. JOHNSON, Town Clerk. By order of the Town Council. Wm. L. JOHNSON, Town Clerk. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., May 2, 1904.

## NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT.

Notice is hereby given that by direction of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the public sale of real estate to make the unpaid taxes assessed on lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate in the said town of Bloomfield, was adjourned from Tuesday, April 26, 1904, to Wednesday, June 1, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the Town Collector in the Bloomfield National Bank Building in the Town of Bloomfield, County and State aforesaid.

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